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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2006, please amend as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.